

# Chinese Pronunciation Study

*English word to match each Chinese phonetic symbol*

b = be    p = pay    m = my    f = fun

d = day    t = to    n = no    l = line    *use inner wall of teeth for d, t*

g = go    k = key    h = hen

zh = r+ germ    ch = r+ church    sh = r+ shirt    r = run    *tongue positioned as r*

j = jeep    q = cheese    x = sheep    *tongue and lips like saying "cheese"*

z = hands    c = hats    s = hiss    *sound from teeth*

i = bee    u = do    ü = *tongue positioned as i and lips formed as u, no comparable word*  
yi    wu    yu *and 5 more combinations -- nü, lü, ju, qu, xu*

a = pa    o = law    e = up    e = let ( *When next to i or ü* )  
ie = yes    üe = *no comparable word*  
ye    yue *and nüe, lüe, jue, que, xue*

ai = pie    ei = bay    ao = out    ou = go

an = on    en = bun    ang = ah-ng    eng = lung    ong = long

4 tones *illustration:*

Who ate my pie!

*high rise low drop                      Pitch level*

call--doubt--whisper--yell            *( English tone )*

hū    éit    mǎi    pài            *Chinese Phonetic with tone mark*

La    Mi-La    Do    La-Do            *Music scale, Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti*

—    /    ˇ    \            *Chinese tone mark*